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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:56 PM  
**To:** OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, CLERK  
**Cc:** jim.whisman@kingcounty.gov; Ramona Brandes  
**Subject:** FW: request for information King County jury assignment areas  
**Attachments:** Original Message re jury pools.docx

Dear Ms. Bosch:

Below is the original email from Mr. McCurley with the chart included. Apparently the chart was stripped out by the office email filter. I believe the copy filed with the trial court did not include the chart but the information was provided to the court in various excel documents. I have included the state on this communication and assume they will let us know if they object to having the chart include in the body in the email, as it was originally written. I have also attached a copy of Mr. McCurley's email without this explanation so that you have a copy without any message attached.

Please let me know if you have can't open anything or need additional information.

Eileen Farley

-----Original Message-----

**From:** McCurley, Carl [mailto:Carl.McCurley@courts.wa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 16, 2008 2:10 PM  
**To:** JAMESMROE@HOTMAIL.COM  
**Subject:** request for information King County jury assignment areas

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Dear Mr. Roe,

This letter responds to your January 8, 2008 email message to the State Court Administrator, Mr. N.A. "Butch" Stussy which requested reports, documents, underlying data, and studies pertaining to the Washington State Center for Court Research's analysis of the King County jury assignment areas.

The Washington State Center for Court Research was asked, in April of 2007, to produce an analysis of the composition of jury assignment areas for King County Superior Court as indicated in a draft King County Superior Court Zero Local Rule, later finalized and made effective September 1, 2007.

King County Superior Court requested that the jury assignment areas be examined with regard to their demographic composition. King County Superior Court supplied the Center with Postal Service ZIP code lists for each jury assignment area (the Seattle Jury Assignment Area and the Kent Jury Assignment Area). The ZIP Codes are listed in the documents **SeattleJuryZIPCodes.doc** and **KentJuryZIPCodes.doc**.

The next step in preparation for analysis was to obtain a US Census Bureau file that contained both ZIP code and demographic data; Census data came from the American FactFinder section of the Census Bureau web site. Data from the year 2000 enumeration were used because no post-2000 Census estimate files contained ZIP code identifiers. A copy of the data file is included as **Download US\_Census\_2000.xls**.

It is important to note that there is not an exact match between the ZIP codes listed by King County Superior Court as part of the jury assignment area and those in the 2000 Census data. Three factors account for those differences:

- 1) several King County ZIP codes are assigned to PO boxes or to business only and not to an area containing dwellings (for the Seattle Jury Assignment Area, the codes are 98009, 98013, 98015, 98041, 98073, 98082, 98083, 98111, 98113, 98114, 98124, 98127, 98129, 98138, 98139, 98141, 98145, 98151, 98160, 98165, 98170, 98171, 98175, 98181, 98184, 98185, 98190, 98191, 98194, and 98195;

for the Kent Jury Assignment Area, the codes are 98035, 98054, 98062, 98063, 98064, 98071, and 98089)

- 2) the geographic area of some densely populated Seattle ZIP codes is also accounted for by other ZIP codes (98154, 98161, 98164, 98174), and
- 3) the Postal Service has revised some ZIP code areas since the 2000 Census to make room for new ZIP code areas. With regard to this last group of ZIP codes—the newer ZIP codes—98074, 98075, and 98077 are located within areas encompassed by the Seattle Jury Assignment Area and 98030, 98057, and 98058 are located within areas encompassed by the Kent Jury Assignment Area, and, of the six, only one is contiguous with the jury assignment area boundary; none of the six straddle the boundary. Therefore, although the ZIP code lists for the 2000 Census and the 2007 jury assignment areas are not identical, the year 2000 Census data can be used to construct a reasonable representation of the current population characteristics of the assignment areas.

It will be noticed that the Census Bureau data file contains population totals for each year 2000 ZIP code area and percentages that describe the population in terms of race, age, and sex (sex was not part of the Center's analysis). It was necessary to construct indicators of demographic characteristics that were aggregated by jury district. Therefore, the total ZIP code population and percentages were used to produce counts of individuals within groups within ZIP code areas. Demographic group counts were then summed by jury assignment area. Finally, the Kent Jury Assignment Area and Seattle Jury Assignment Area demographic group counts were transformed into percentages. For all calculations, see **DEMO\_by\_ZIPS.xls**.

The year 2000 demographic percentages of the two jury assignment areas are contained in the table below, King County Jury Assignment Areas Demographics. It is this table that supports the observation contained in my September 25, 2007 letter to Mr. Paul Sherfey: "Available demographic data shows that the areas are constructed so that the populations within the two areas are very similar in terms of race and ethnicity."

#### **King County Jury Assignment Areas Demographics**

	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>Kent</b>
Population	100%	100%
Hispanic/Latino	5	7
Non-Hispanic White	75	72
White	77	74
African American	5	6
Native American	1	1
Asian	12	9
Pacific Island	0.3	0.8
Other Race	2	3
Two or More Races	4	5
Under 18	20	27
18 To 64	69	64
Over 65	11	9

Data Source: 2000 US Census data of all King County population.

Please note that the King County request did not encompass wealth or income.

The Advisory Board of the Washington State Center for Court Research was not asked to review the Research Center analysis of the King County jury assignment areas.

There is only tangential connection between the Juror Research Project and the analysis of jury assignment areas. There has been no overlap in planning between the two projects. The only King County court affected by the Juror Research Project is Des Moines Municipal, which administers its own juries, independent of King County Superior Court.

I hope that you find this letter responsive to your request for materials and analysis.

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